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In re Application of: )  
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SUERBAUM et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1647  
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Serial No.: 09/015,078 ) Examiner: S. Turner  
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Filed: January 29, 1998 )  
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For: CLONING AND )  
CHARACTERIZATION OF THE )  
*flbA* GENE OF *H. PYLORI*, )  
PRODUCTION OF AFLAGELLATE )  
STRAINS )  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows<sup>1</sup>:

Replace the paragraph running from Page 2, line 35 to Page 3, line 7 with:

The invention therefore relates to a nucleotide sequence from the *flbA* gene  
regulating the biosynthesis of the proteins of the *Helicobacter pylori* flagella,  
characterized in that it is able to hybridize, under conditions of high stringency, with a

1 A "marked-up" version of this amendment, indicating the changes being made, is  
provided in the Appendix.

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